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MAJOR PERSONNEL PROGRAM CHANGES BEING DEVELOPED

This is the first in a series of status reports that I will give

you on the Executive Committee's review of the National Academy of

Public Administration Report and Civil Service Reform as they may
apply to CIA.

A. National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) Report

Following the submission of the NAPA Report in March, we solicited comments from organizational components, advisory groups, thirty-three responses to this solicitation. and individuals. In general, Agency officials were supportive of NAPA's findings but differed considerably with some of NAPA's recommended solutions to particular issues. The Executive Committee met twice in reviewing the comments and out of these deliberations I have already instructed the Office of Personnel to create a central Policy Staff and a central Planning Staff in order to achieve some of the major NAPA Report recommendations. In addition, the Office of Personnel is creating a NAPA project group which will oversee the development of further studies for implementing plans for some of the specific NAPA recommendations. Full-time representatives from each of the Directorates have been assigned to this group and they will work under the auspices of the new Policy Staff in the Office of Personnel. In the next three months the Executive Committee will be reviewing the papers submitted by this project staff, and I will keep you posted as decisions are reached.

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B. <u>Civil Service Reform - Senior Executive Service/and Merit Pay</u>

President Carter, on 13 October 1978, signed the <u>Civil Service</u>

<u>Reform Act of 1978</u> (CSRA) which was designed to improve Government

efficiency and balance management authority with employee protections.

Among the major features of the Act are an independent and equitable

appeals process; protections against abuse of the merit system;

incentives and rewards for good work and skilled management; and more

positive probation and removal procedures for unsatisfactory performance.

Although CIA is excluded from most of the provisions of CSRA, the

Executive Committee has endorsed, in concept, the incentive pay principles underlying the Senior Executive Service and the merit pay for GS-13/-15 supervisors and managers.

A small group working has been instructed to STAT ference a Senior Executive Service for CIA following the general conclusions of Civil Service Reform plan but not limited to that.

We envision that CIA's Senior Executive Service will provide a better framework for attracting and retaining top-level people, designed to use their abilities more productively, to pay them according to their performances and to remove promptly those who do not perform satisfactorily. It is our intent that we would move into this new system for executives by January 1st of next year.

This same group will also be examining the NAPA Report recommendations regarding executive development with the objective of proposing the executive development policies are consistent with the new SES.

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A second major feature of CSRA which is also being studied by the Agency is Merit Pay for GS-13/-15 Supervisors and Managers which Take embodies many of the concepts, principles and goals described for SES. Because of the large number of employees affected, Federal agencies have been given until 1981 to implement this provision of Civil Service Reform. We hope to benefit from their experience as we develop our own planning in this area which will follow on completion of the SES planning.

Frank C. Carlucci
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